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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/853,216

Applicant(s)

PETITE ET AL.

Examiner

Jan Mooneyham

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the applicant's communication filed on February 9, 2004, wherein:

Claims 1-15 are currently pending;

Claims 1, 7, 14, and 15 have been amended;

No claims have been deleted;

No claims have been added.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed on February 9, 2004 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: The applicant has amended Claims 1, 7, 14, and 15 to state that the reservation processing unit is located at a retail location. The applicant has no support for this in the original disclosure. The applicant states in the original disclosure that the reservation processing unit 10, is located on the premises of the restaurant establishment 4 (page5, lines 6-10).

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLorme et al (US 5,948,040) (hereinafter referred to as DeLorme) in view of Sakurai (US 6,041,305) (hereinafter referred to as Sakurai).

DeLorme discloses a system, method and medium for remotely processing reservations, comprising;

receiving a transmitted electromagnetic signal including customer identification information at a receiver (Figs. 9a and 9b, col. 74, lines 30-43);

retrieving the customer identification information from the transmitted electromagnetic signal (Fig. 9a and 9b, col. 74, lines 30-43);

updating reservation information using the customer identification information (col. 78, lines 1-21); and

providing a notification that the customer is about to arrive (col. 78, lines 1-20).

DeLorme does not disclose a reservation processing unit located at a retail location. However, Sakurai discloses a reservation processing unit with a GPS located at a building having a business function (a retail location) (Col. 4, lines 10-19, Fig. 1 (1) which has a navigation unit 19 (col. 10, line 56 thru col. 11, line 18). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate into the system, method, and medium of DeLorme the teachings of Sakurai so that when a situation occurs or where an emergency situation occurs, a change in the reservation can be immediately performed both in the vehicle and the reserving side.

DeLorme further discloses a reservation processing unit with a receiving means for receiving data transmitted via electromagnetic waves and a remote access unit having a

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memory (Figs 1a-9b, col. 73, lines 20-43), wherein the receiving means receives electromagnetic data in a wavelength (Figs. 9a and 9b, col. 10, lines 58, col. 75, line 46 thru col. 76, line 5) with transmit buttons (914, 916, 918, 920) and is configured to provide internet access (Fig. 8a, col. 60, lines 38-40).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 5,751,973 discloses a method and apparatus for the automatic management of vehicle access to a restricted access area.

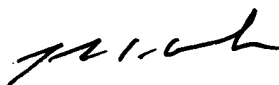
US 2002/0062236 discloses a reservation system and method wherein a service provider can notify a user of a service and reservation situation at a store near the user.

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6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jan Mooneyham whose telephone number is (703) 305-8554. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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